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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) (1) Subdivisional Magistrates—7.

(2) Sub-Magistrates—30.

" (*b*) For posts of Subdivisional Magistrates, no separate recruitment is made because these posts are integrated with posts of District Munsifs. The Madras Public Service Commission has taken up the recruitment to the posts in the combined cadre; the number to be selected will include the number required in connexion with the extension of the scheme.

For posts of Sub-Magistrates, the selection has already been made by the Commission and the High Court and the candidates have been placed under training.

In addition to the number specified in the answer to clause (*a*) above, provision has been made for a small reserve.

" (*c*) Twenty-five persons were selected from members of the Bar and eleven by transfer from certain Subordinate Services.

The number selected from the mufassal Bar is 19.

" (*d*) Yes.

" (*e*) No candidate from the Scheduled Castes applied for selection. Six were selected from the Backward classes and three from the Muslim community."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know whether the principle of reservation for the members of the Scheduled Castes and Tribes was observed in this case? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I said in my answer that there was no applicant from the Scheduled Caste community."

Statistics about handloom and pitloom weavers in the South Arcot district.

* 1194 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any statistics about the number of handloom and pitloom weavers in the South Arcot district; and, if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is reported that the total number of handlooms in the South Arcot is 30,651, of which 30,436 are pitlooms and the rest are frame looms. At the rate of one loom per weaver, the number of pitloom weavers and frame-loom weavers in that district may be said to be the same as the number of the looms in each category."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" தென்னாற்காடு மாவட்டத்திலுள்ள நெசவாளிகளுக்கு மான்யமாகவும், கடனாகவும் எவ்வளவு தொகை கொடுக்கப்பட்டது ? எத்தனை கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் இந்த மாவட்டத்தில் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டு நடந்து வருகின்றன ? அங்குள்ள நெசவாளிகளுக்கு எந்த அளவுக்கு அரசாங்கம் நன்மை செய்திருக்கிறது ? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" What has that to do with this question? The hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Grant to the Vadavanoor Maternity Centre in Palghat taluk.

* 1195 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government are giving any grant to the Vadavanoor Maternity Centre run by the Vadavanoor Mahila Samajam in Palghat taluk, South Malabar; and, if so, how much?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

RI O. KORAN :—" മഹിളാ സമാജം നടത്തുന്ന വടവനൂർ മെറ്റേർണിറ്റി സെൻറർ വളരെ അധികം ആളുകൾക്ക് ഉപയോഗപ്രദമാകകൊണ്ട് അതിനു ഗ്രാൻറ് കൊടുക്കുന്ന കാര്യം ഗവർമ്മെൻറു ആലോചിക്കുമോ ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is reported that the Mahila Samajam is not running any maternity centre. That being so, how can any Government grant be given? "

Enforcement of the Weights and Measures Act in respect of rice.

* 1196 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government issued any orders under which the dealers of rice ration shops were forced by the Rationing Officers to purchase scales and weights at a cost of Rs. 80 per set in the year 1951 to enforce the operation of the Weights and Measures Act in this State;

(*b*) which dealer in the Madras City took the monopoly of supplying scales and weights; and

(*c*) whether the Act was enforced afterwards in respect of rice?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Government decided that the new scheme of issue of rations by weight in Madras City instead of by measure should be put into effect from 31st December 1950. In accordance with that decision, instructions were issued to the City Rationing Officer, Madras, to serve notices upon retail dealers that they would be replaced, if they did not provide themselves with scales and weights by 25th November 1950. The City Rationing Officer, Madras, and the Assistant Rationing Officers carried out these orders and issued instructions to the retail dealers for providing themselves with the necessary scales and weights.

" (*b*) No dealer in Madras City was given the monopoly for the supply of scales and weights. The ration shop dealers were instructed to provide themselves with scales and weights by making local purchases.